IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Tomonari YAMAMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2826

Serial Number: 10/083,684

Examiner: Fazli Erdem

Filed: February 27, 2002

PTO Confirmation No.: 1544

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 020254

Customer No.: 38834

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

August 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.